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We are writing to request your input on the proposed **Hungry Lion Resource Management Project**. We included you on our mailing list for this project because you own land adjacent to the project area or have expressed interest in one or more of our projects in the past. Some of you received a request for information in September 2016 and the input received was used to help the team develop the enclosed proposed action.

The proposed project is within the Hungry Horse Ranger District, Flathead National Forest. The project area is located east of the Flathead River and north of the Hungry Horse Reservoir and includes lands near the communities of Hungry Horse, Martin City, and Coram.

The project would address multiple resource objectives including: improving forest health and diversity; reducing risk to firefighters and the public in the event of a wildfire; maintaining timber productivity on suitable lands; restoring hydrological process and aquatic habitat; and improving recreational opportunities and visitor safety at developed and dispersed recreation sites.

The enclosed document and maps describe the proposed action in greater detail. These documents may be accessed at the project website www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50134. Your comments on the proposed action are important because they well help the planning team to develop issues, which may in turn lead to development of alternatives to the proposed action. The environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS) for this project will analyze the ecological and social effects of implementing each of the alternatives, including a no-action alternative. We expect to publish the planning document for this project in the spring of 2017.

So that your input may be included in our analysis, please provide comments addressing the proposed action by **December 21, 2016**. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record, and will be available for public inspection. If you would like to receive future mailings about this project, please send us your comments on the proposed action or contact us to let us know that you would like to remain on our mail or email list.

Because of the large amount of research regarding forestry practices and methods, if you cite literature in your comments, please provide us with a complete bibliography or a copy of the referenced materials if they are not commonly available.

Please address comments to District Ranger, Rob Davies, and send written comments to the address and fax listed on the letterhead. To submit comments electronically, please send to <u>comments-northern-flathead-hungry-horse-glacier-view@fs.fed.us</u> with "Hungry Lion" in the subject line. Acceptable formats include MS Word, Word Perfect, RTF, or PDF. If you have no suggestions or ideas at this time but wish to be included in future mailings or public meetings, please provide your name, email address and phone number. Oral comments can be provided at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station during normal business hours via telephone or in person. Normal business hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays.

A public open house to provide further information about this project will occur on **Thursday, December 8, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Hungry Horse Ranger Station** (see address on letterhead). During the open house, specialists will be available to answer questions you may have about the project.





I appreciate your interest in the Hungry Lion Resource Management Project and I thank you for your help with developing our project. For more information about this project, please contact Sarah Canepa, Project Team Leader, at (406) 387-3800.

Sincerely,

ROBERT DAVIES

Hungry Horse-Glacier View District Ranger